

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of HB-5326. As a physician in practice in Connecticut for more than 30 years I have ample experience in seeing how people die and know that, with thought, care and compassion, we can do better. Death will come to us all; just as we have come to value to effective mitigation of pain during life we should also allow mitigation of suffering when dying.

Data has shown that doctors die differently than others as we have had the opportunity to see what is effective and what is futile. It would be real progress to allow skilled, experienced physicians to bring their knowledge to bear on the care of our loved ones in this time of great need.

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